

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (original). An article of footwear, comprising:

an upper and a sole, wherein the sole has an outsole for directly contacting a ground surface; and

at least one element compression molded with the outsole, wherein the at least one element is formed from a first material comprising at least 45% ethylene vinyl acetate, approximately 30% polyene elastomer, and approximately 20% synthetic rubber;

wherein a second material of the outsole is compatible for compression molding with the at least one element and is less hard and less dense than the at least one element.

Claim 2 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the polyene elastomer is ENGAGE.

Claim 3 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the second material of the outsole includes ethylene vinyl acetate with blowing agents.

Claim 4 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the second material of the outsole is selected from a group consisting of rubber, thermoplastic urethane, and ethylene vinyl acetate with blowing agents.

Claim 5 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the outsole comprises two materials selected from a group consisting of rubber, thermoplastic urethane, and ethylene vinyl acetate with blowing agents.

Claim 6 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the at least one element is outwardly visible on the sole.

Claim 7 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the at least one element comprises a plurality of elements and at least one of the plurality of elements is outwardly visible on the sole.

Claim 8 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the at least one element includes a foil layer that is outwardly visible on the sole.

Claim 9 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the at least one element includes an electroplated member that is outwardly visible on the sole.

Claim 10 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 1, wherein the at least one element provides torsional reinforcement for the sole.

Claim 11 (original). An article of footwear, comprising:

an upper and a sole, wherein the sole has an outsole for directly contacting a ground surface;

at least one element compression molded with the outsole; and

at least one cleat receptacle compression molded with the at least one element;

wherein a material of the outsole is compatible for compression molding with the at least one element and is less hard and less dense than the at least one element, the at least one element comprises solid ethylene vinyl acetate, and the at least one cleat receptacle is accessible for attachment of a non-metal cleat.

Claim 12 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 11, wherein the material of the outsole is selected from a group consisting of rubber, thermoplastic urethane, and ethylene vinyl acetate with blowing agents.

Claim 13 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 11, wherein the outsole comprises two materials selected from a group consisting of rubber, thermoplastic urethane, and ethylene vinyl acetate with blowing agents.

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Claim 14 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 11, wherein the at least one element comprises a plurality of elements and each element of the plurality of elements includes a cleat receptacle.

Claim 15 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 11, wherein the at least one element comprises a plurality of elements and at least one element of the plurality of elements includes at least one cleat receptacle.

Claim 16 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 11, wherein the at least one element includes a foil layer that is visible on the sole.

Claim 17 (original). The article of footwear according to claim 11, wherein the at least one element includes an electroplated member that is visible on the sole.

Claims 18-25 (canceled).